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In re Application of
Coleman et al.
Application No. 10/653,507
Filed: September 2, 2003
Attorney Docket No. 02-470

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DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 17, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

This above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a response to the final Office Action of January 25, 2005. The final Office Action set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. No extensions of time were obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a). This application became abandoned on April 26, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on August 4, 2005.

The requirements for the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR §1.137(b) have been met. This petition is hereby **Granted**.

This application is being revived for purposes of continuity only and since continuity has been established by this decision reviving the application, the application is again abandoned in favor of the Divisional Application No. 11/333,391 filed on January 17, 2006.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR §10.18(b). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, Petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR §1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner

must notify the Office.

There is no indication that Petitioner herein was ever empowered to prosecute the instant application. If Petitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney documentation and change of correspondence address must be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision will be mailed to Petitioner. However, all future correspondence will be directed to the address of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary.

This application is being forwarded to the files repository.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charlema R. Grant".

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